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GRANTS FOR AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS NOW AVAILABLE

Boise – The State Department of Education will award \$1.5 million in grants to fund afterschool programs across the state for the upcoming 2015-2016 school year. Grant applications are due January 30, 2015.

The funding is available through the federal 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) program, which is designed to provide academic enrichment opportunities, art, music, recreation, sports, drug and violence prevention and youth development activities to students during non-school hours. The State Department of Education currently funds 90 afterschool centers throughout the state, which serve a total of 8,461 Idaho youth daily.

"These programs are dynamic opportunities to enrich what happens during the school day for our students. High-quality afterschool programs provide students the academic, social and career-ready skills they need to succeed at a time during the day when most juvenile delinquency occurs," Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna said. "I encourage all Idaho schools to explore this opportunity by attending one of the bidder's workshops my office is conducting throughout the state."

School districts, municipalities, community-based organizations, faith-based organizations and private corporations are eligible for these grants. Successful applicants will receive funding for up to five years.

Those considering applying for funding are strongly encouraged to attend a Bidder's Workshop. The following workshops are open to any interested party:

- Friday, November 14: Coeur d'Alene, Coeur d'Alene School District Office, 1400 N Northwood Center Ct.
- Monday, November 17: Blackfoot, Blackfoot Performing Arts Center, 870 S Fisher St
- Tuesday, November 18: Twin Falls, College of Southern Idaho, Student Union Building, Room 247
- Thursday, November 20: Weiser, Weiser High School, 690 West Indianhead Road, Library
- Friday, November 21: Boise, State Department of Education, 650 W State St. 2nd Floor

All workshops, except Blackfoot, will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Blackfoot's workshop will be from 1 to 5 p.m.

All workshops are free. To register for the workshops or to view the grant application please visit: http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/cclc/grants.htm or call (208) 332-6960.

Participants are expected to download and review the application prior to the workshop.

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